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IC^2 and MSSTC Alumni Newsletter
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On February 15, 2007 Austin Council member Brewster McCracken proclaimed the entire year of 2007 as the anniversary year of UT's Master of Science in Science and Technology Commercialization and the IC2 Institute in Austin, Texas, the high-tech capital of the world. Several MSSTC graduates, faculty, current students and IC2 leadership joined Councilman McCracken at the Thursday Austin City Council meeting to be recognized.

Pictured from left to right (back row) Don Cook, Mike Waugh, Larry Secrest, John Butler, Bob May, and Xiao Chang; (front row) Gerardo Alvarez, Nicole Evans, Marie Warden, Brewster McCracken, Eddy Trevino, Mario Ramirez and Michael Palmer

IN THE NEWS

Energy Company Donates $1.8 Million to UT Professor

TXU Corporation awards Dr. Gary Rochelle funding to further research CO2 capture technology.

Pharmaceutical Company Wins Texas Moot Corp Competition

MSSTC team, MacuCLEAR advances to the Global Moot Corp Competition in May.

Google Co-Founder: Science Needs Entrepreneurs

"Let's talk abut solving some worldwide problems. Let's get people really motivated."
-Larry Page

Science, Technology and Society Program at UT Austin - Keeping up With Tech Trends

Their recent topic of interest has been Surveillance and Society. The department's February newsletter states that eBay is no longer allowing sales of virtual property in online virtual worlds, a topic of interest to some teams in the current MSSTC class.

ANNOUCEMENTS

Congratulations Moot Corp. Winners – MacuCLEAR !

Read more about the Texas Competition and upcoming Global Moot Corp online at: http://www.mootcorp.org/TXMC07WinPR.htm

Call for Student Success Stories

With the MSSTC reaching its 10th anniversary, IC^2 is interested in documenting a few settings in which graduates of the program are making a difference at the local, regional or large corporation level. Members of the alumni group could greatly enhance this process by alerting the MSSTC program staff and director to situations in which teams or individuals have been a catalytic force for product breakthroughs, regional spikes in economic activity, or similar situations. We would be grateful for research leads and will reward our intelligence agents who provide timely tips in an appropriate manner. You could even find your name on an academic paper. Please send suggestions to Larry Secrest (lsecrest@icc.utexas.edu) or Don Cook (dcook@icc.utexas.edu).

Upcoming Event for Dallas and Ft. Worth Area Alums

MSSTC '02 graduate David Shaw is organizing a night at the races when the new Lone Start Park open in April for all MSSTC grads in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. Contact David directly if you would like to receive details on the event.

Have an announcement or item of note for the MSSTC Alumni newsletter? Interested in being featured in our upcoming Spotlight on the MSSTC Alumni website? Email your news to Nicole.

REFERRAL REWARDS PROGRAM

The first Referral Rewards drawing will be March 15th so it's not too late to gain your entry - don't miss your chance to win a **2005 National Champions UT football autographed by coach Mack Brown**!

- Provide a student testimonial at an upcoming information session;
- Arrange an information session at your company or in your community;
- Refer an applicant to the program; or
- Insert your idea here: _____!

Thanks to all of our current students and graduates who came out for our Spring Networking Mixer on February 22nd in North Austin. With your continued participation and interest, we look forward to hosting similar events in the future.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Biggest Open House in Texas

Saturday, March 3, 2007, 11am – 5pm
UT Austin campus
http://www.utexas.edu/opa/news/2007/02/exploreut01.html

Funding for Early Stage Companies

Tuesday, March 6, 2007, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
UT MCC, Austin, Texas
RSVP to Cathy Lenig (seating is limited)

MSSTC Information Session at IBM

March 22, 2007, 12-1pm
IBM Campus, Mt. Laurel Room
All Austin IBMers welcome

10th International Conference on Technology Policy and Innovation

Energy and Sustainability
June 17-20, 2007
Stavenger, Norway
http://www.kaland.no/conventor/energi.html

Comments? Feedback? Suggestions? We welcome them all – please contact Nicole Evans with your comments.